



BALTIMORE HARBOR COLLECTION AND REMOVAL OF DRIFT

U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS
FACT SHEET as of February 2015

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AUTHORIZATION: The Baltimore Harbor collection and removal of drift program was authorized by the River and Harbor Act of June 30, 1948, (Public Law 80-858).

TYPE OF PROJECT: Navigation

CONTRIBUTION TO CHESAPEAKE BAY:

Contributes to Executive Order 13508 goals by innovatively protecting environmental habitat, improving water quality, and expanding public access within the Chesapeake Bay watershed.

PROJECT PHASE: Operation and Maintenance

CONGRESSIONAL INTEREST: Senators Mikulski and Cardin (MD), Kaine and Warner (VA), Representatives Harris (MD-1), Ruppertsberger (MD-2), Sarbanes (MD-3), Hoyer (MD-5), Cummings (MD-7).

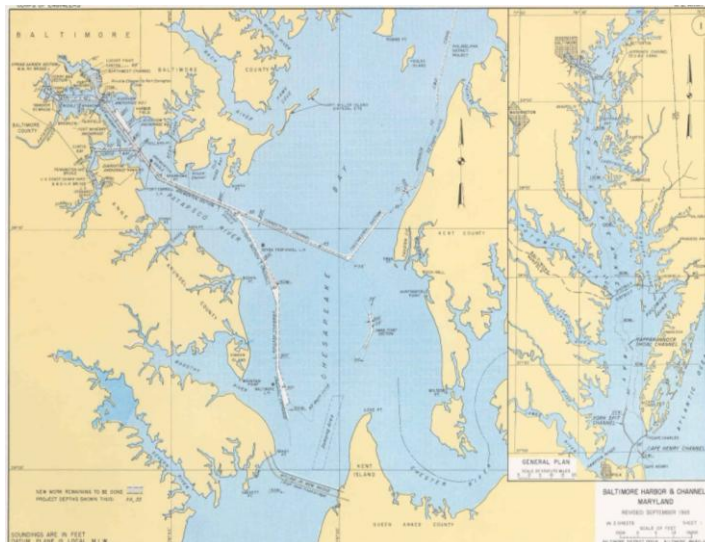
NON-FEDERAL SPONSOR: None

BACKGROUND:

The project is located in Baltimore, Maryland

The Baltimore District's Baltimore Harbor Drift Collection and Removal Unit operates out of dock facilities at Fort McHenry and conducts drift collection and removal operations on a part-time year-round basis. Operations under this project were initiated in July 1949 for the collection and removal of floating debris from a 24-square-mile area of the navigable portions of the Patapsco River and its tributaries, upstream of Fort Carroll and channelward of the pierhead line. The collection effort intensified following storms, extreme high tides and high river flows. Corps boat operators conduct routine patrols and respond to calls received from the Coast Guard, Navy, boat and marina operators, and private citizens. Operations are concentrated in open waters of the main Federal channels and in the vicinity of major terminal facilities. Collected debris consists of trees and other debris that has fallen into the water. The Corps loads debris into barges, tow back to the dock, and then transfer to steel containers. The Corps contracts debris removal. The Baltimore Harbor collection and removal of drift benefits are reduced to vessels safety hazards to commercial and recreational vessels, their operators and docking facilities. In addition, the Corps efforts keep the Baltimore Harbor and adjacent waterways aesthetically pleasing for business owners, residents and visitors.

The debris hazards could cause damage to vessels, cargo loss, and other financial residue effects.



STATUS: Project is operational at 20 hours a week.

BUDGET:

<u>Funds Data</u>	<u>Total</u>
Allocation for FY 2014	321,800
President Budget FY 2015	325,000
Allocation for FY 2015	TBD

SCHEDULE:

FY 2014 Completed Work: Drift collection and removal continued on a reduced schedule at 20 hours a week.

FY 2015 Scheduled Work: Drift collection and removal will continue on a reduced schedule at 20 hours a week

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